

# South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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## ***APRIL - JUNE 2003 MILK PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY***

**SIOUX FALLS, July 17, 2003** - - The April - June 2003 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 366 million pounds, 1 million pounds above last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up slightly from the second quarter of last year, but 18 million pounds below the recent five-year average.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 91,000, is down 6,000 from this same quarter last year and down 2,000 from the January - March 2003 quarter.

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